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REF: A) TELCON MXOHAY/KREISBERG JULY 3; B) SANTIAGO 3000; C)
SANTIAGO 4061; D) USICA 13488.

1. MARIO RIOS WILL NOW TRAVEL ALONE SANTIAGO/MIAMI ON LAN-CHILE
148 ARRIVING MIAMI JULY 9 AT 05:30 A.M. AND WILL CONTINUE
WASHINGTONDC ON EASTERN 158 TO ARRIVE THERE SAME DAY AT 10:11
A.M. WILL PAY FOR SANTIAGO/MIAMI TRIP WITH OWN FUNDS, BUT WILL
USE GTR TO BUY MIAMI/WASHINGTON TICKET ON EASTERN 158 IN MIAMI.

2. AS RIOS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT GOC OFFICIAL, WE ARE SENDING
UP IN RECENT TIME, CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PUT TOGETHER A PROGRAM
WELL-SUITED TO HIS NEEDS. AS UNDERSECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT, RIOS
IS CHARGED WITH COORDINATING ACTIVITY AMONG THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES
AND WILL ASSUME AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE POLITICAL
TRANSITION PERIOD. A DEMOCRAT, RIOS IS COMMITTED TO
CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES AND HAS EXPRESSED A NEED FOR AN
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ACCELERATED RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC RULE IN CHILE.

4. BESIDES PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS MENTIONED IN REFTTEL B) PARA 4, POST
SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING:

- A) CALLS ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS; ARA
BUREAU CHIEF AND CHILE DESK OFFICER;
- B) CALL ON ROBERT PASTOR, NSC OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR LATIN

AMERICA.

C) CALLS ON CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS WHO HAVE VISITED CHILE OR KNOW CHILE. EXAMPLES: CONGRESSMEN GILMAN, LESTER WOLFF, GUS YATRON.

D) CALLS ON YOUNG GOVERNORS. EXAMPLES: BROWN OF CALIFORNIA AND ROCKEFELLER OF WEST VIRGINIA.

5. RIOS SHOULD ALSO BE EXPOSED TO LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES AT ALL THREE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT (WASHINGTONDC WOULD BE IN BEST POSITION TO FILL IN THIS PART OF PROGRAM); TO ONE OR TWO MAJOR UNIVERSITIES; AND A COUPLE OF CIVIC GROUPS.

6. ALTHOUGH RIOS DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AND WILL NEED AN ESCORT-INTERPRETER, HE IS AN ARTICULATE SPEAKER AND ONE, WHO SHOULD WELCOME A CHALLENGE TO CONVERSE WITH RATIONAL PERSONS WHO - WHILE CRITICAL OF THE PINOCHET REGIME - WOULD BE WILLING TO LISTEN TO THE GOC LINE. THE CONSIDERED VIEWS OF A RANKING MEMBER OF THE GOC.
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